



**TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
Parks Advisory Board
February 24, 2026, 6:00 PM
Minutes**

Chairman: Michael Smith

Council Members: Vice Chairman Matthew Waldron, Renee Cannon, Brandy King, Valerie VanOstenbridge

CALL TO ORDER

Michael Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Michael Smith, Matt Waldron, Renee Cannon, Brandy King, Valerie VanOstenbridge

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Matthew Waldron made a motion to approve the agenda, Valerie VanOstenbridge seconded the motion, approved by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Matthew Waldron made a motion to approve the October 2025 minutes, Valerie VanOstenbridge seconded the motion, approved by all.

PUBLIC FORM

None

PARTNER REPORTS

Renee Cannon reported that CCSA's is well into registration, they have 230 kids signed up. Season will start March 21st through May 16th, skipping April 4th for Easter. Practice can start March 2nd.

Matthew Waldron reported that baseball started sign-ups. He reported that softball has 18 kids signed up.

PARKS REPORTS

Anthony Clark reported that we are on hold with Phase I until Kimberly Horn finalizes their part and then once TDOT approves it we can move on to the bidding phase. Phase II of the trail is moving along as planned.

He reported that he met on Feb 5, 2026 with Mayor Greer, Allen Nicholson, Jennifer Noe, Jason Reynolds and the landowners the Perrys regarding the bridge on the bicentennial trail and the best way to get it repaired. They are all working on a plan that will best suit everyone involved to get the bridged fixed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Holiday Market – Renee Cannon reported that both markets went well and will probably do it again in 2026, maybe do October and November instead of November and December due to cold weather.

Christmas Parade – Renee Cannon reported that 2025 Christmas Parade went well. We haven't heard any complaints about the route. The 2026 parade will be on December 5th.

Caldwell Park RTP Grant Status – Anthony Clark reported that Gerald Greer was going to take care of this grant, he hasn't heard anything about it. He said he would check in with Gerald to see the status of this grant.

NEW BUSINESS

Parks Advisory Board Discussion – Michael Smith reported that we need to decide if want to be an Advisory Board or an Events Board. If we are an Advisory Board, we will need to follow the Roberts Rules of Order and it will need to be streamed on Facebook. The board discussed the pros and cons of each. We all agreed that the board route would better serve the community, the parks department and the city. We agreed we would be able to have a bigger impact on the growth of city and the programs/events that we implement if we continued as a board.

We decided to work on a more detailed role of the board and what and how we would serve. Michael Smith said he would then bring this to the next workshop.

Valerie VanOstenBridge made a motion to keep the board as a Parks Board instead of an Events Board, Brandy Kind seconded the motion, approved by all.

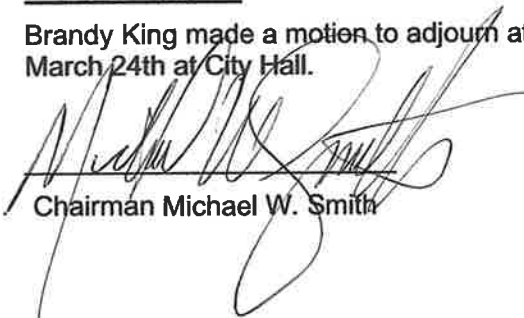
2026 Events/Dates – Renee Cannon presented the 2026 calendar to the board. AC Clark made a couple changes to the dates/events. Matt Waldron made a motion to approve the calendar, Brandy King seconded the motion, approved by all.

OTHER


None

ADJOURNMENT

Brandy King made a motion to adjourn at 8:15pm, Matt Waldron seconded motion - Next meeting March 24th at City Hall.



Chairman Michael W. Smith



Recorded by Renee Cannon

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